

INDIANA AND MICHIGAN STATE HAPPENINGS

REACH AGREEMENT IN
DISPUTE ON LIGHTS

Attorneys for Two Sides Will
Appear Before State
Service Body.

News-Times Special Service:
ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 31.—One result of a conference between city officials and officers of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. was in agreement between City Attorney Hall and Attorney Yeagley for the electric company that they go to Indianapolis next Tuesday to consult with the state public service commission concerning some points that are in dispute.

It will be recalled that the plans and specifications submitted by the city to the company as a basis for a proposal for lighting the city, provide that the city shall pay for the equipment over a period of 10 years, "at the end of which time it shall be the property of the city."

The electric company objects to bidding on the plans for at least two reasons. One is that it is contrary to the spirit of the utilities law because at the end of the period, it would place the city in competition with the company, and for the further reason that the city would, in a sense, become a partner with the company. This, it is alleged, would lead to contention and misunderstanding.

Attorney Yeagley contends that the commission will not require the electric company to bid under these conditions. Attorney Hall is of the opinion that it will. It is expected that this question will be determined at Tuesday's meeting.

"Babe," a two-year-old black bear that interested visitors at Studebaker park last summer, has been sacrificed to provide the chief "ingredient" of a New Year's dinner at the home of his owner, Frank Brumbaugh, 208 W. Beardsley av., head of the Elkhart Bridge & Iron works.

Mr. Brumbaugh and his brother, Charles Brumbaugh, are suffering from bitten and claw-lacerated hands, and City Fireman Frank Little, jr., has added to his fame as a rifleman, as the result of "Babe's" protest against the plan—first to kodak him and then to slaughter him, yesterday afternoon.

The mystery surrounding the identity of the man who badly frightened a 14-year-old girl in the high school building about three weeks ago and who has been annoying and frightening girls and women for the last three months, was cleared up by the arrest and alleged confession of Charles W. Bibler of Toledo, a New York Central freight brakeman.

Bibler is said to have confessed that he is the man who frightened the school girl and has caused the numerous other cases of annoyance complained of by women and girls. One of his favorite hangouts was about the old papermill.

PORT HURON, Mich.—As a result of the ruling of Atty. Gen. Fellows that the 1915 legislature had the right to change the route of the trunk line highway to include Algonac, the state will lose about \$500 for a survey which was made of the old route, and the county will lose \$600 paid for culverts.

Kidney Trouble Means
Terrible Tortures

Hundreds of sufferers from pains in the back and sides, bladder and urinary disorders, lumbago, rheumatism, dizziness, puffy swellings under the eyes or in the feet and ankles, nervousness, tired or worn-out or headache feeling, don't seem to realize that the greater part of all sickness today can be avoided by keeping the kidneys working properly. If you suffer from any of the many agonies that accompany sick, clogged-up or diseased kidneys you should not neglect yourself another day and run the risk of serious complications. Secure a package of Solvax, the wonderful new kidney remedy which is very inexpensive yet acts quickly and surely on the seat of the trouble. You'll be surprised how entirely different you'll feel in a very short time.

It doesn't matter how long you have suffered, how old you are, or what you have used. The very principle of Solvax is such that it is practically impossible to take it into the human system without beneficial results.

Solvax is pleasant to take, gives quick relief and has been so uniformly successful that Wettick's Original Cut Rate Medicine Store will in the future sell it under a positive guarantee of relief or refund the money. No other kidney remedy ever had a large enough percentage of cures so that it could be sold in this manner.

There is no time like the present to do a thing that ought to be done. If anyone has kidney trouble today, is the best time to begin curing it—Advt.

COUGHS AND COLDS ARE DANGEROUS.

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. How ever, statistics tell us every third person dies of lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. Druggists.—Advt.

CHEST CAVED IN BUT
HE WON THE BET.

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 31.—Pete Sensig, a large man, lies ill at his home near Gary with his chest caved in, two ribs broken and severe internal injuries, but he won his bet, John Zardos, a Herculean Roumanian, employed in the Standard steel car works, drifted in Sensig's roadhouse.

"I never yet met the man who could knock me down with a blow on my chest," he heard Sensig say.

Zardos bet Sensig that he could knock him down with one "punch."

"You're on," said Sensig, and placing his hands on his hips, he set himself to take the blow. Zardos stepped back, and lunging forward, struck Sensig on the breast bone. Sensig staggered, but did not fall.

"For many years in this state we have refused to convict in arson cases on circumstantial evidence even when we were thoroughly convinced the defendants were guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. We have allowed our verdicts to be influenced by sympathy for the prisoners or their families and we have taken the position, after listening to the arguments of the attorneys for the defendants, that the insurance companies, usually a foreign corporation, had accepted the premiums and should pay the loss, not realizing that insurance companies merely collect the premiums based upon the amount of property involved, and we, ourselves, and other honest policy holders pay out of our own pocket every dollar paid the man who burns his property for the insurance, we, therefore, resolve that in the future we will do our duty as our oaths require that the fire bug may be given his just deserts."

For housewives and mothers this resolution is suggested:

"I have just learned that every week 8,000 people are rendered homeless in this country and that each day nine persons meet their death because of fire, a majority of them being women and children and that this deplorable condition is many times brought about by the careless use of gasoline and kerosene. I hereby resolve, to make to-day and every day in the future fire-prevention day in my home and I will teach my children the necessity of observing all fire prevention rules. I will not allow them to play with matches or fire, neither will I leave my small children at home alone when there is a fire in the stove and above all I will use gasoline only in the open air as:

"Dry cleaning in the kitchen.

With "stuff" and gasoline.

Doth fill the "stuff" man's pockets.

Also the "graveyard green."

The bunch of resolutions contains some for the mayor and board of aldermen, who are to pay more attention to the enforcement of the fire prevention laws; for the fire chief, who is to follow the lead of the mayor and aldermen; for the business man and property owner, who is to comply with all laws; for the school superintendent boards of education and teachers, who are to pay more attention to fire drills; for the local fire insurance agent, who is to look carefully into the reputation of everybody he insures; and for the firebug, who is asked to resolve to set fire to no more buildings.

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Miss Dinkler said she screamed, and that the man ran north in Blaine av. He did not take her purse.

Lieut. Fletcher and a squad of policemen investigated the accident, but were unable to find any traces of the fugitive.

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While the officers were taking Clark to Seattle he escaped from a moving train near Sand Point, Ore. Now he has written to the prison authorities and to the Detroit police urging that the Leavenworth guards be retained. "It was through no negligence of the guards," the letter states. "I could have escaped at any time if it had pleased me to do so."

The letters were mailed in San Francisco but the authorities believe Clark is now in South America, where he claims to have at one time headed an army of revolutionists.

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WANTS ARSON BUGS
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Michigan Fire Marshal Makes
Request to Juries of
State.

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LANSING, Mich., Dec. 31.—Convictions in Michigan for arson in the last few years have been practically none. Jury after jury has freed men accused by the state fire marshal's department, even after some of them confessed.

So it happens in a series of New Year's resolutions, which State Fire Marshal John T. Winship has published with the request that they be adopted, he has this one which he wants all the juries in the state to make use of and live up to:

"For many years in this state we have refused to convict in arson cases on circumstantial evidence even when we were thoroughly convinced the defendants were guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. We have allowed our verdicts to be influenced by sympathy for the prisoners or their families and we have taken the position, after listening to the arguments of the attorneys for the defendants, that the insurance companies, usually a foreign corporation, had accepted the premiums and should pay the loss, not realizing that insurance companies merely collect the premiums based upon the amount of property involved, and we, ourselves, and other honest policy holders pay out of our own pocket every dollar paid the man who burns his property for the insurance, we, therefore, resolve that in the future we will do our duty as our oaths require that the fire bug may be given his just deserts."

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GREAT GRANDFATHER
BECOMES A PAPA.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 31.—Not many great grandfathers can boast of having a bouncing baby daughter, but Fred Landes, a farmer northeast of Lafayette, holds this record. Landes, who is a Civil war veteran, 74 years old, was for many years a widower. A year ago, however, he married a young woman he had known for years. Yesterday a baby daughter was born to them. Landes has a number of grandchildren and one great grandchild. He says he is prouder of his new youngster than he was of any of the others.

SAVINGS OF WAITRESS
RETURNED AFTER YEAR

Gary Woman Dismisses Court Action Against Employer After Settlement.

News-Times Special Service:
GARY, Ind., Dec. 31.—Helen Kars, pretty little Slavish waitress, who more than a year ago lost \$500, her entire savings, which she had entrusted to her employer, Mrs. Alice Parker, today received \$300 of the money and agreed to the dismissal of the suit of larceny against Mrs. Parker.

"I worked hard for the money," she said when the \$300 was handed her by her attorney D. E. Boone of Hammond today. "I have never been strong and the work was terribly hard but I wanted to get money enough so I would not have to work always."

Miss Kars was employed by Mrs. Parker in a boarding house at 523 Broadway. She had the money in the postal savings bank but was induced to draw it out by Mrs. Parker. The entire sum, \$510, was placed in Mrs. Parker's cash register. Not long afterwards the cash register disappeared. Detectives found it later covered with an old carpet on the back porch. Capt. George Nestorovich, who was interested in the case of the girl, employed Atty. Boone for her and Mrs. Parker was arrested. At her trial the jury stood eight to four for conviction, and disagreed. The second trial was scheduled to come up next week. Yesterday Mrs. Parker agreed to settle for \$300 and the money reached the young lady this morning.

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DEFENSE QUITS, AS THE
JURY FAILS TO AGREE

No Verdict in First Cases of Gambling Trials at Flint.

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FLINT, Mich., Dec. 31.—Though the lawyers for the defense refused to put in any testimony or make any arguments in the case against John Copperrill, charged with keeping a place for gambling, a jury in Justice Torrey's court announced a disagreement after being out for an hour. The jury stood three to three.

The case against Copperrill was brought as the result of activities of the "Committee of Thirty," organized following a series of revival meetings here. Four members of the committee gathered in the case yesterday. They told of witnessing a man playing a penny slot machine in Copperrill's pool room and said they saw the man win and lose on the machine.

Attorneys for the defense yesterday morning asked to have the case adjourned, declaring they were not prepared. When their request was refused to help select a jury to try their client. Justice Torrey appointed another attorney, who happened to be in the court, to select the jury for the defense. The case was adjourned until afternoon and the attorneys then asked to have the case dismissed, declaring that the judge had had the jury selected in the wrong manner.

The court overruled the motion and the case proceeded, the attorneys for the defense and their client refusing to take any part in the trial. The jury was out for about an hour and then announced the disagreement.

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